

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A cement composition comprising 100 parts by weight of magnesium oxide, 5 to 25% by weight of at least one of silicic acid, alumina and iron oxide, 3 to 35 parts by weight of a phosphate, 2 to 30 parts by weight of gypsum and 0.005 to 7 parts by weight of a hydroxycarboxylic acid or a ketocarboxylic acid.

9.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in Claim 8, additionally comprising a crushed product of a magnesium silicate solid solution which is added to the phosphate, gypsum and hydroxycarboxylic or ketocarboxylic acid.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in Claim 8, additionally comprising a crushed product of a magnesium aluminate solution which is added to the phosphate, gypsum and hydroxycarboxylic or ketocarboxylic acid.